



New \$20 Vehicle License Fee

Outreach update & draft spend plan



Meeting overview

- Welcome
- Refresher on:
 - New \$20 Vehicle Licensing Fee and spending plan development process
 - Framework & evaluation categories
- What we've heard
- Proposed spending plan
- Next steps



Our vision, mission, and core values

Vision: Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation

Mission: to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities

Committed to **6 core values:**

- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Livability
- Excellence

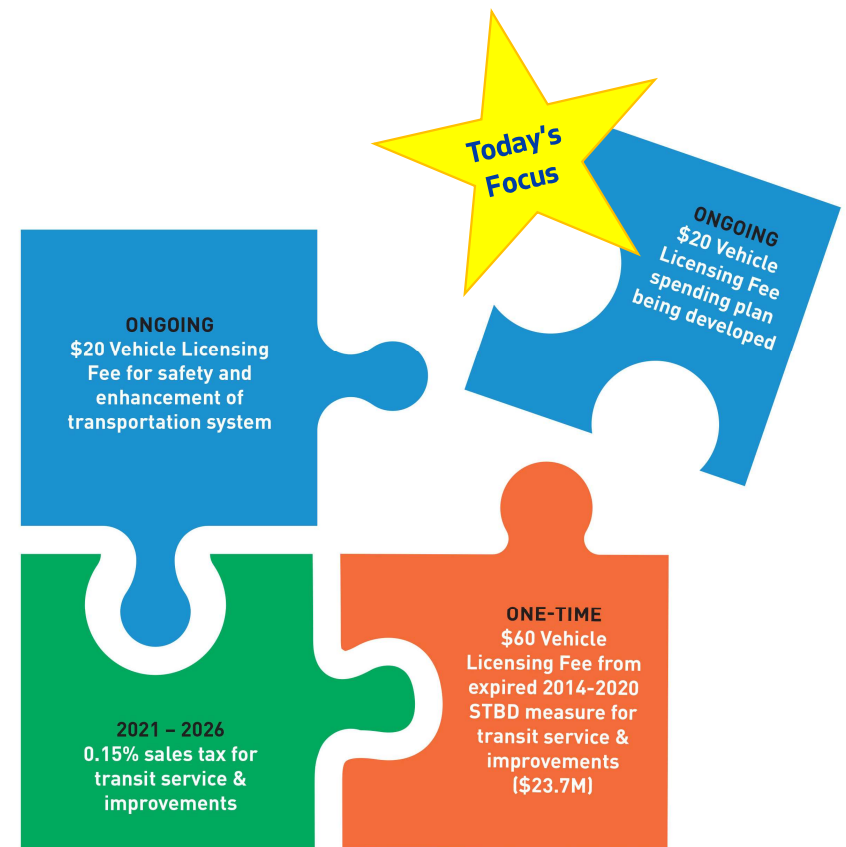


Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD)

Putting the pieces together

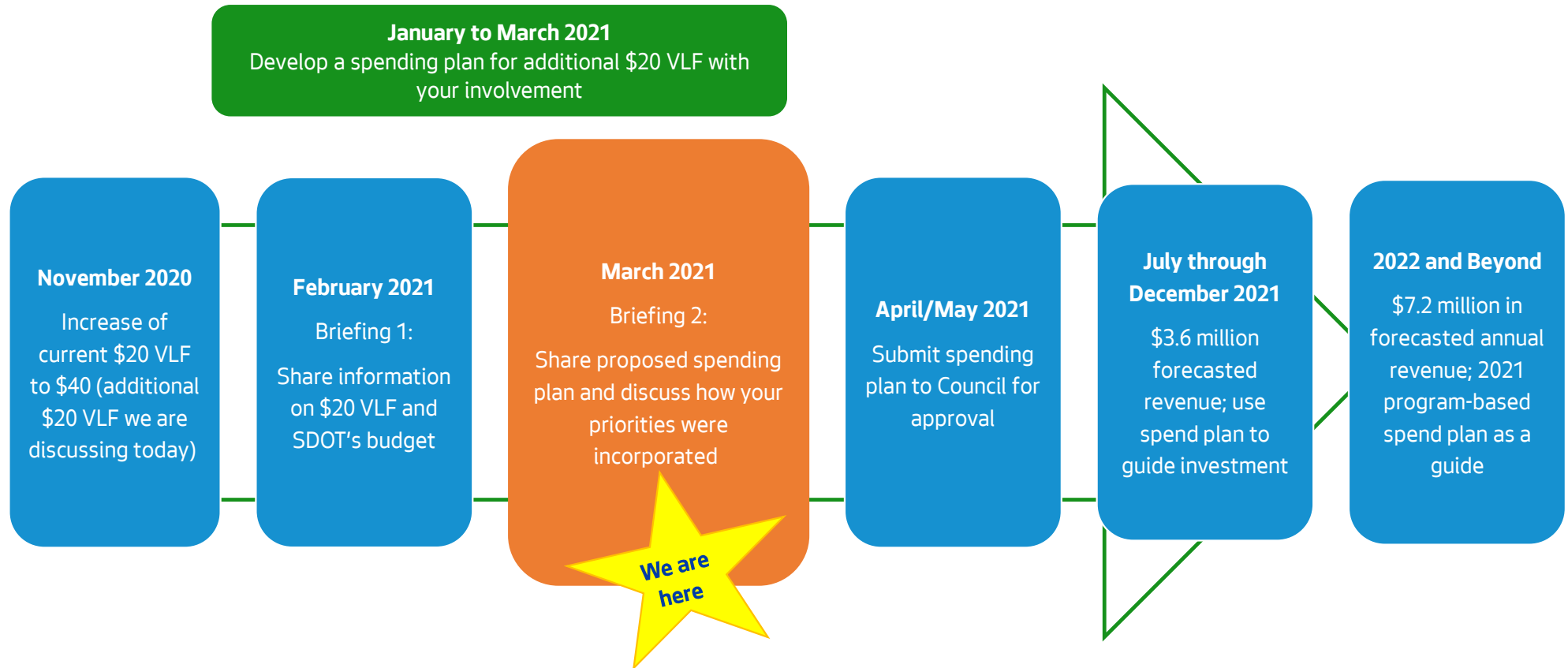
To help fund a broad range of transportation projects, we can use sales tax and vehicle licensing fees (VLF).

Today, we're sharing what we heard from the community and a draft spending plan for the new \$20 VLF.



STBD as of November 2020

New \$20 Vehicle License Fee process



We heard from (in alphabetical order):

Bicycle Advisory Board
Congolese Integration Network
Downtown Seattle Association
Environmental Justice Committee (Alumni)
Freight Advisory Board
International Drop-in Center
Iron Workers Local 86
Laborers Local
Levy Oversight Committee
Neighborhood Greenways
Pedestrian Advisory Board

Peer Transit Educator
PROTEC 17
Puget Sound Sage Community Leadership Institute
Seattle Building Trades
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Solid Ground
The Nature Conservancy
Transit Advisory Board
Transit Riders Union
Transportation Choices Coalition
Transportation Equity Workgroup



A snapshot of what we heard (1 of 2)

- There were a mix of values and programs across categories
 - Equity and safety should always be included
 - Climate change effects are intersectional
 - Unclear where pedestrian and ADA projects fit
 - Taxpayers should see impact of investment sooner than later
- Distribute investments equitably
 - Consider bonding funding
 - Select projects not reliant on additional funding



A snapshot of what we heard (2 of 2)

- Improve sidewalks and safety features like lighting and stop signs for pedestrians
- Upgrade facilities to be age and ADA friendly
- Select projects that train and employ people in the trades
- Negative impacts of climate change are sustained the most in marginalized communities
- An emphasis on equity & safety should be paramount in all project decisions [...] transparency to voters is crucial in project prioritization and selection



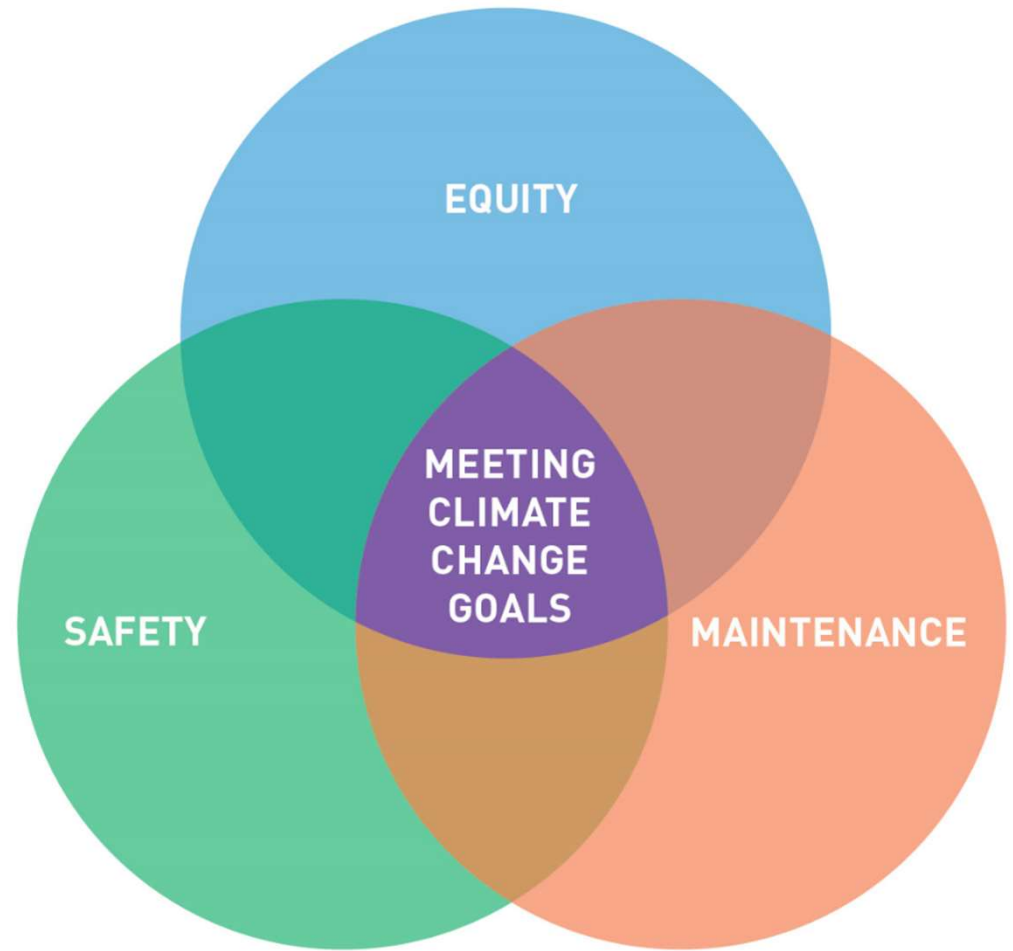
Community Evaluation Results

	Climate Change Benefits	Equity Potential	Funding Challenge	Increase Safety & Reduce Risk	Move Seattle Levy Performance	Proactive Asset Managment	Reduce Maintenance Backlog
SDOT Staff							
Transpo. & Labor Stakeholders							
Equity-focused Stakeholders							
Outcome							



Turning your feedback into a values-based, actionable plan

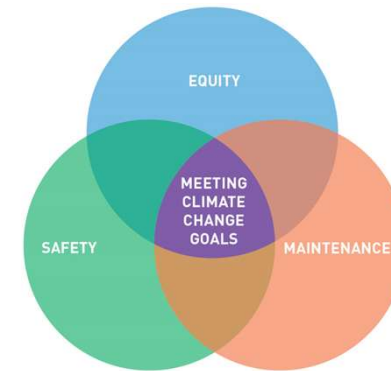
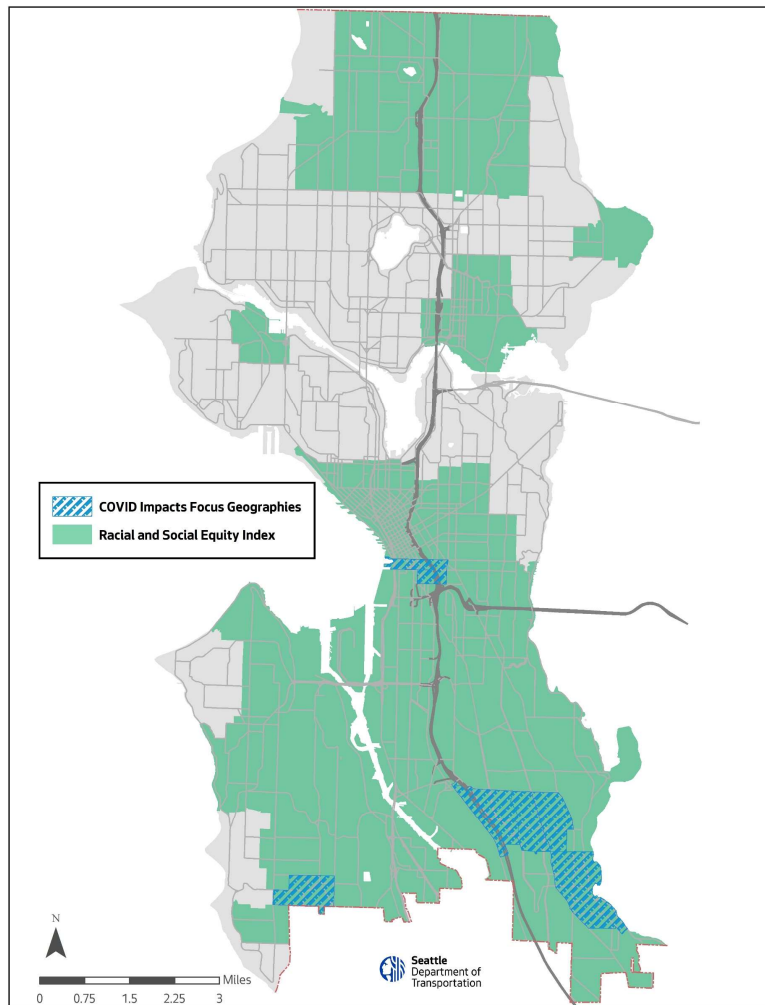
Amplifying the impact of the funding through the selection of programs that help address multiple needs.



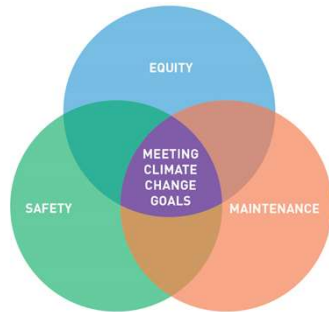
Please think about these questions:

- How do you feel this spending plan reflects your community's values?
- How does this spending plan reflect your travel needs, and/or the travel needs you see in your community?
- Given the many travel needs facing our city, do you feel this spending plan is an effective use of VLF funds? If so, why? If not, why not?





About **75% of VLF revenue** would be dedicated to investments and projects in neighborhoods facing **higher risk of displacement & lower access to opportunities**.



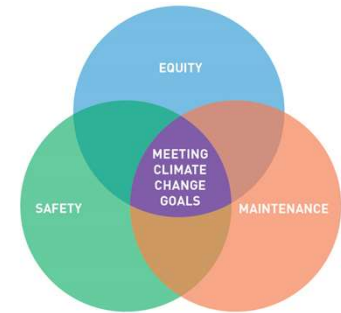
About **65% of VLF revenue** would go toward making safety improvements **benefiting our most vulnerable users**.

Investments include upgrades and maintenance to sidewalks, marked crosswalks, flashing beacons, and ADA curb ramps.



Investing in the future

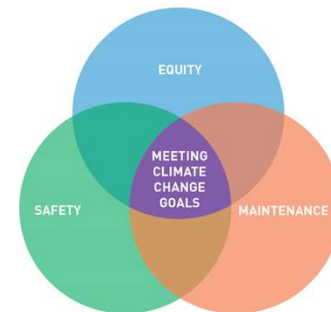
Spending **\$1** to preserve and maintain public assets in a fair or good condition can save **\$6 to \$10** in rehabilitation or replacement costs.



Almost **60% of VLF revenue** will be spent on **additional maintenance** to bridges, sidewalks, and bike lanes.

We'll **proactively manage and help decrease our maintenance backlog.**





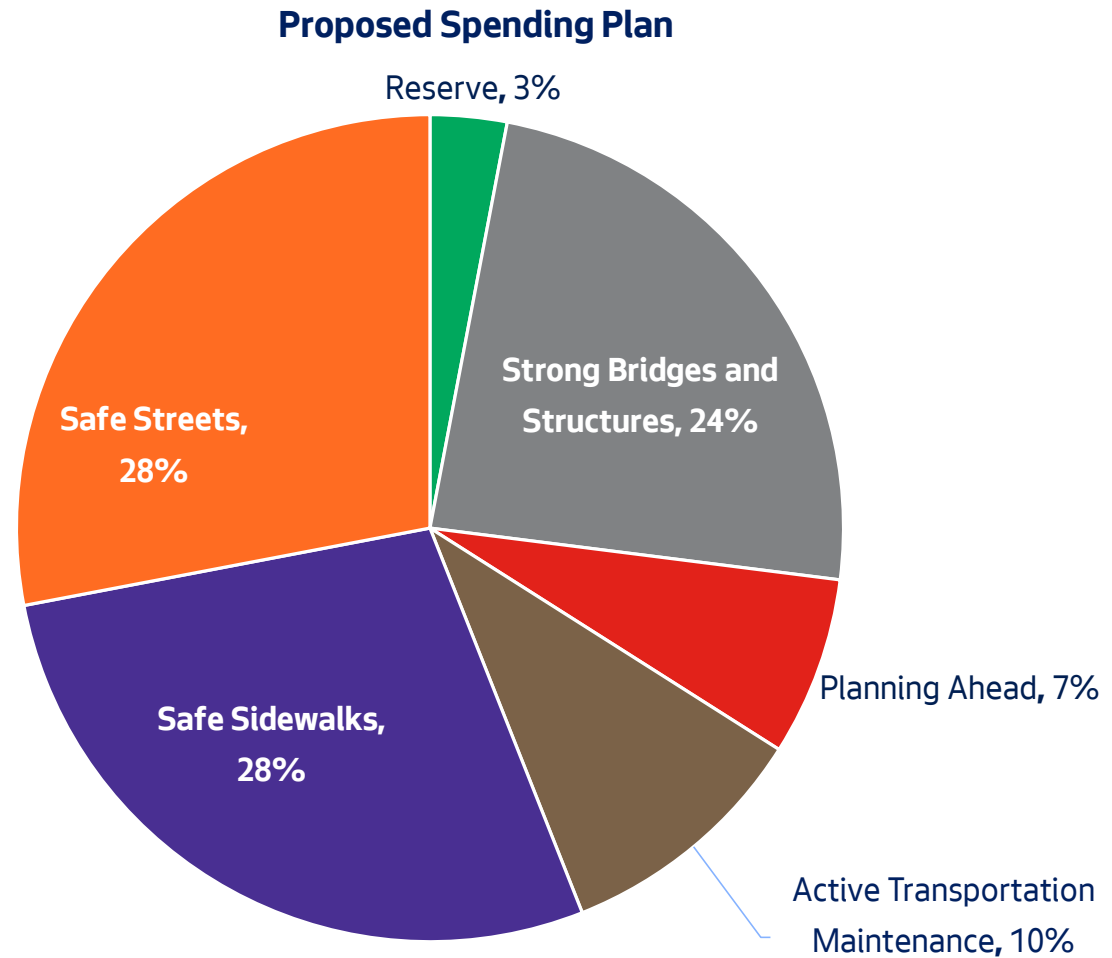
Almost **75% of VLF revenue** would fund projects that improve the traveling experience **for people walking, rolling, biking, and riding transit.**

We'll make shifting to **low-carbon travel options easier** – and plan towards an **equitable, healthier future.**

Translating your feedback into a spending plan

TOTAL REVENUE	
2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$3.6 million	\$7.2* million

*Annual revenue is an estimate and subject to change. Actual annual funding allocations would follow percentages established in the spend plan.



Proposed spending plan details



Safe Streets



What we've heard:

Safety in transit is a huge issue, often due to lack of accessible facilities.

More stop signs and overall better signage is needed at intersections.

Objective:

Make investments and improvements to the streets and communities experiencing the bulk of Seattle's serious crashes.

What this could do:

- Vision Zero corridor projects

2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$1 million	\$2 million

Safe Sidewalks



What we've heard:

* = direct quote

We have seen the struggles of our elderly walking the streets of Seattle particularly in the southeast*

There should be a further drive to add green mobility transportation options and encouraging [...] walking and carpooling.

Objective:

Make investments and improvements to help Seattle become the most walkable and accessible city in the nation.

What this could do:

- Restripe marked crosswalks
- Replace crossing beacons
- Repair sidewalks - especially those around street trees
- Install new ADA curb ramps

2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$1.03 million	\$2.05 million

Strong Bridges & Structures



What we've heard:

* = direct quote

Coming out of this pandemic, people need jobs [...] the roads and bridges in Seattle are crumbling [...] *

Objective:

Make proactive investments and reduce the maintenance backlog, extending the service life of bridges, and maintaining safe travel for all modes.

What this could do:

- Major maintenance and rehab program for bridges, stairs and essential roadway structures

2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$850,000	\$1.7 million

Active Transportation Maintenance



What we've heard:

* = direct quote

Safety is a concern especially for youth and people biking[...] it doesn't feel safe to bike.

By putting money into maintenance, you provide education through apprenticeship and a career (job) in construction. Jobs are what is needed coming out of this pandemic!*

Objective:
Make investments and improvements to maintain on-street and off-street bicycle facilities to promote safe, active transportation and reduced carbon emissions from vehicles.

- What this could do:**
- Re-paint bicycle lanes
 - Install protective barriers between people driving and biking
 - Make improvements to bicycle signals

2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$350,000	\$700,000

Planning Ahead



What we've heard:

We should use money to support TEW [Transportation Equity Workgroup] and the plan that comes out of the effort

Objective:

Plan for a future transportation system that addresses our shared values and goals for equity, safety, and sustainability (including climate change responses).

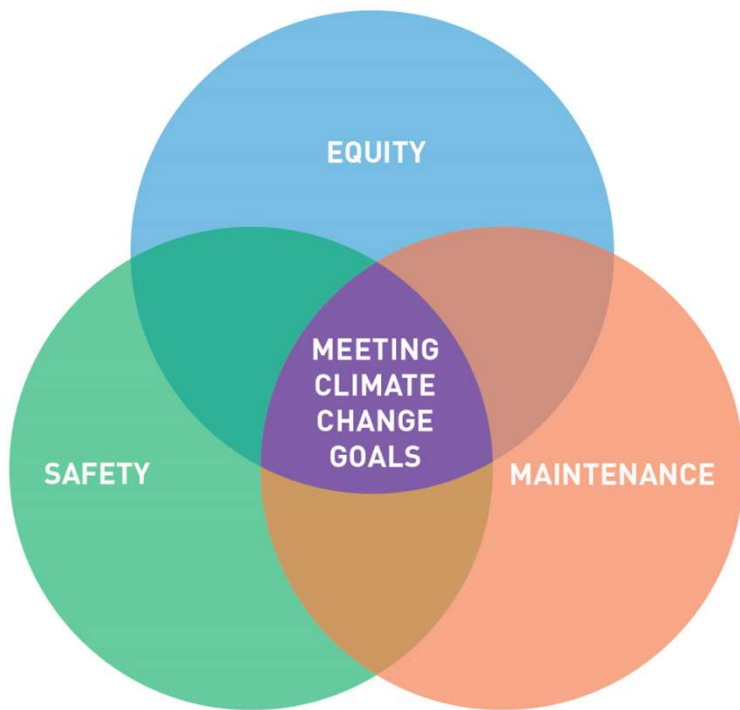
What this could do:

- Initiate development of a citywide multimodal plan
- Plan will engage communities to address equity, safety, and climate change goals

2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$250,000	\$500,000

Summary

We turned your feedback into a plan, focusing on:



- **Equity**, including investing in neighborhoods facing higher risk of displacement & lower access to opportunities
- **Safety** upgrades and maintenance to benefit our most vulnerable users
- **Maintenance** to help decrease our maintenance backlog
- **Climate Change Benefits** to improve the traveling experience for walkers, bikers, rollers, and transit
- **Planning** for an equitable, healthier future and **flexibility** to direct resources where they're needed most



Discussion and feedback

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Next steps

- Review and incorporate community input
- **April 1:** Share proposed spending plan with the City Council Transportation and Utility Committee
- **April / May:** City Council approves 2021 spending plan
- **Ongoing:** Further engagement with community to discuss travel needs and future opportunities to fund unmet needs



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